

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 16-18 and 20-21 have been canceled in this amendment, and claims 4, 19 were canceled in a previous amendment, without prejudice to their underlying subject matter solely to advance allowance of the claims allowed in the office action. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in this or any other application.

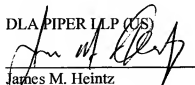
New claims 27-34 have been added. No new matter has been added. Support for claims 27-34 can be found in the specification at page 9, lines 8-16. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

After cancellation of claims 1-3, 5-6, 16-18 and 20-21, all previously pending claims were allowed in the previous office action, and new claims 27-34 depend from one of allowed claims 7, 10, 12 or 25. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that these new claims are allowable for at least the reasons that claims 7, 10, 12 and 25 are allowable, and for additional reasons which will not be discussed herein for the sake of brevity.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants counsel, James M. Heintz at 202.799.4171.

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